



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST
OCTOBER 23, 2002

COMPLAINTS

- 02-14 Architect Carlos Fernandez agreed to pay \$250.00 for violation of section 2-11.1(s) based on his failure to register as a lobbyist.
- 02-32 Commission dismissed the complaint against Homestead Councilperson Sincore for lack of legal sufficiency.
- 02-33 Commission dismissed the complaint against Miami-Dade Housing Authority (MDHA) for lack of legal sufficiency.
- 02-34 Commission dismissed the complaint against Miami-Dade County Commissioner Heyman for lack of legal sufficiency.
- 02-37 Former City Council member Alvarez, City of Hialeah Gardens, plead no contest to a violation of section 2-11.1(q) and agreed to pay a \$250.00 fine.
- 02-38 Commission dismissed the complaint against Community Council member Stein.
- 02-39 Commission found probable cause against former Water & Sewer employee Rivero for violation of sections 2-11.1(e) (gifts) and 2-11.1(g) (exploitation of official position).
- 02-40 Commission found probable cause in the case against Jonathan Price, employee of a county vendor, for violating section 2-11.1(e) (gifts).

OPINIONS

Request for Opinions (RQO's)

- 02-22 Commission found that the executive director of Neighbors and Neighbors is barred from contracting with his agency for office space because he receives county funds.
- 02-105 Commission found that County Commissioner Moss may sit on the Board of Directors for the Port of Miami Crane Management (POMCM) and vote on matters involving Port of Miami Crane Management (POMCM) as these issues are an extension of his service as a county commissioner.
- 02-108 Commission found David Wolfson, an in-house mediator for the Administrative Office of the Courts, is barred from selling his mediation software program to the county.
- 02-111 Commission found that Jean Sanon, a Miami-Dade Correctional Officer, who is President of Denson Protective Services may contract with the county to become certified as a Black Business Enterprise (BBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE), but may not contract with the Department of Corrections.
- 02-115 Commission found that the Department of Procurement Management (DPM) staff and user department staff may discuss issues related to a solicitation covered by the Cone of Silence.
- 02-122 Commission found that Premium Coffee Service whose stockholders include Marjorie Firestone, a Miami-Dade County E-Gov employee, may become certified as a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE), but may not contract with her department.
- 02-125 Commission found that the Town of Golden Beach must provide an opportunity for Golden Beach resident Neil Leff to be heard under the Citizen's Bill of Rights.

Request for Opinions (RQO's) (continued)

- 02-126 Commission found that Aviation Department employees may participate in the naming contest of the automated people mover provided the county employee who wins discloses the value of the gift received.

- 02-129 Commission found that Public Health Trust Board of Director member Walter J. Harvey is prohibited from voting on any matter involving a current client of his law firm.
- 02-135 Commission found that QUIK PARK has no legal standing to seek an opinion about Miami Beach City Manager's conduct.
- 02-139 Commission found that Angus Laney, Assistant to the City Manager, City of North Miami is not barred from employment with the Swerdlow Group, a company doing business with the City of North Miami, provided Mr. Laney does not lobby the City of North Miami for two years after his employment with the City of North Miami ceases.

SECTION 8 Requests.

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trusts approved the following Section 8 requests:

02-112, 02-114, 02-118, 02-119, 02-120, 02-124, 02-130, 02-131, 02-132, 02-133, 02-134, 02-136, 02-137, 02-138, 02-140, 02-141, 02-143, 02-144, 02-145 and 02-146.